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MARCH, 1956

With rushing winds and gloomy skies
The dark and stubborn Winter dies;
For, off unseen, Spring faintly cries,
Bidding her earliest child arise;
March. —Bayard Taylor.

Now comes March on the scene of 1956, and after it has spent itself, one-fourth of the year will have passed. It seems that 1956 began only a few days ago, but now that March is upon us, Spring is not far behind.

Spring this year comes on March 20th, at ten-twenty-one in the morning, when the sun enters Aries, which marks the Vernal Equinox. Thus Spring comes earlier than has been the case in many recent years.

March is named for the ancient Roman deity, Mars, known as the God of War, although some authorities claim he was originally the God of Vegetation. The Anglo-Saxons used to call March Lencten-monath, which means lengthening month, for the days grew noticeably longer in March.

The Dutch called March Lent-Maand, which also refers to the longer days. The expression, "Mad as a March hare," also takes note of the fact that lengthening days affect the temperments of animals and the growth of plants.

Many Americans are unaware that, in early days, the year began in March. In colonial times, for example, a contract that extended over a period between February 27, 1720 to April 2nd, 1721, actually covered only a little more than a month, although it would seem to cover thirteen months, in our modern calendars.

In earlier days, the term of the President of the United States began on March 4th, and that was the custom in this country until 1933.

March is the month in which three of our President were born. James Madison, the fourth President of the United States, was born at Port Connelly, Va., on March 16, 1751. Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th President of the United States, was born March 18, 1837, in Caldwell, New Jersey. John Tyler, 10th President of the United States, was born at Green Ridge, Va., March 29, 1790.

Holidays observed in March include Burbank Day, in California, on March 7th; the Vermont Primary, on March 13th; Jackson Day, in Tennessee, on March 15th; St. Patrick's Day, in Boston, March 17th; Maryland Day, on March 25th; and Good Friday, on March 30th.

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AUTO INDUSTRY TEST

The real test for the automobile industry, at least during the year 1956, will come in a few weeks.

Traditionally, sales begin to pick up early in March, as a seasonal factor, and they should also pick up this year. It is almost imperative that sales increase, since the inventory situation has not improved much since January 1st.

On that date, it was estimated that there were some 800,000 new automobiles in the showrooms of dealers across the country.

The battle between the two largest selling cars in the country is expected to continue and will pace the automobile industry again this year. What the sales picture for the year is likely to be, may be indicated in the next few weeks.

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FROM HAZING TO HELPING

A recent poll of eighty major colleges and universities of the nation revealed that "Help Week" is replacing "Hell Week" at many of those institutions. This is encouraging news.

Whereas, in former years freshmen students faced a period of hazing, today the trend seems to be definitely moving in the opposite direction — toward helping instead of hazing. This makes sense.

Some of the efforts being made at various colleges across the country include Christmas fund drives, carnivals and festivals for charity, charity drives of various kinds, and projects to help the community in which the college is located.

At Columbia University, students decided to replace hazing with a constructive program and last September the incoming freshman class was asked to volunteer for various projects. One was a camp for underprivileged children, and approximately 500 freshmen volunteered to help with this project.

At Harvard University, a community service program is underway and over a thousand Harvard and Radcliffe students are donating ten hours a semester to this student-operated social and service center.

Tulane University students are reported to be painting bicycles for an Institute for the Deaf; Bringham Young University students aid the community and town of Proveau, Utah, each spring, and Miami University students, at Carol Gables, Florida, give orphans a beach party, as one of their projects. Similar programs are being carried out at the University of Texas, the University of Tennessee, the University of Virginia, the University of Minnesota, and many others.

Hazing, which has often been abused, and which is difficult to control, has long been out of tune with the times, so to speak. Some forms of hazing, which have a purpose, and some training forms of hazing, such as those at military schools, will probably be continued, but we are happy to see the trend away from uncontrolled, and often illogical and disruptive, hazing at many of the country's institutions of higher learning.

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The human race is mysterious, partly because of the number of people who say one thing and mean another.

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Personally, we no longer think that the fellow with the fastest car is the most outstanding citizen of the community.

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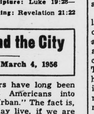
Christ and the City

Lesson for March 4, 1956



Dr. Foreman

CENSUS takers have long been dividing us Americans into "Rural" and "Urban." The fact is, wherever we may live, if we are not in a city we are in many ways affected by cities. The magazines and papers we read are often published in cities. Most of the things a farmer uses—tractors, combines, fertilizer, tools, came from cities. Our clothes were made in cities, our laws were made there. Your casket may have already been made in some city. There is a state in America which has just one large city. A former resident of that state told the writer that very few small towns there amounted to anything, because all the young people in the state who had any ambition struck out for that big city as soon as they could. One way or another, we are all becoming "urban" pretty fast.

Enthusiasm Is Fragile

The largest city Jesus ever saw brought tears to his eyes, and no wonder. Some of the things he saw are true of cities and of urban civilization today. They are true of our American way of life, 20th-century style. One was the swiftly rising, and as swiftly falling, enthusiasm of the crowds. There they came with joyful shouts of welcome on Palm Sunday morning; and by Friday morning some of the same mob would be screaming, "Crucify him!" City people take quickly to new ideas and new heroes — and quickly drop them. They will strew tons of ticker-tape and torn-up telephone books (for lack of palm branches) on some returning hero, but in six months' time won't be able to remember his name. Explain it as you like, the fact is that urban enthusiasms are fragile. That goes for most of us. What we live for in our urban America is mostly excitement. We live from headline to headline, from thrill to thrill. Advertisers do their best to stir us up. They talk of "exciting" new colors, exciting new fashions, even (believe it or not) exciting new toothpaste. The advertisers know that if we can really be persuaded that a thing is exciting, we'll buy it! We would rather listen to a new idea than a true one. That's city fever.

Mass Man

In the days of Davy Crockett, whose ghost, we trust, will have been laid to rest before these lines meet the public eye—in the days of Davy C. and of Dan'l Boone, nearly all Americans were living in the country, as we would call it today. Even the cities were small. Those were the days of rugged individualism. When a neighbor came within 50 miles of Daniel Boone, he thought the woods were getting too crowded, so the legend has it—and moved on. Nowadays in our more urban era, we have come to the time of "Mass Man" as philosophers call him. The city is the Land of Follow-my-Leader. It is the dwelling-place of the Joiners. Mr. Boone did not belong to many societies; but where is the man today who is happy without belonging to enough clubs and societies to keep him out every night? Mass Man is a rather sad spectacle. Jesus wept over him there in Jerusalem. The people of that city were like sheep, doing, saying, even thinking what their Scribes and Pharisees told them to. The men of Jerusalem would not look for themselves, they "knew not the time of their visitation." They did not know when God was knocking at their door. If Christ came to America today, would Mass Man recognize him? Or would he be under suspicion because he would not fit the universal pattern?

Den of Robbers

The city over which Jesus wept was the site of a magnificent Temple, built as a place of worship. But when Jesus visited it, he found a cattle-market going on in the very middle of it. What should have been worship had turned to money-making. So it is too often with an urban civilization. Built on business, on the market-place, it tends to turn everything into a market-place. Art is commercialized; so is education, so are athletics, politics, sometimes religion. If the reader thinks this is exaggerated, let him look around during this month and see some everyday examples of how religion is commercialized in America. We are approaching the joyful Christian festival of Easter. How many thousands of people in our land are planning to make money out of it?

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Letter To The Editor

Route Two, Appomattox, Va.
February 25, 1956

Editor, Times-Virginian,
Dear Sir,

This open letter has one main purpose—"First Aid" to the Farmer. We hear of much to be done in this regard, with considerable future planning, from the Federal Government down to our local boards and associations.

The writer and his brother would like you to take our personal view of what can very well prove to be a serious cycle. The young folks are leaving the farm for more lucrative fields. There is no incentive. They're no longer ground of the old homestead which, in many instances, is situated back on a dirt road with most out of vision. They have already seen too much of the struggle and seasonal gambles that beset every farmer, small and large.

But—give us good secondary roads, in pace with the equipment we are buying, planning to purchase, new land we are clearing, improved herds we are breeding, barns and out-buildings we are erecting, machinery we are installing, and you will inspire the younger generation to return, build rural modern homes which in affect will stimulate all businesses in the community.

We, on route No. 627, the old Court House Road, have collectively invested over half a million dollars in land, buildings, livestock, machinery and vehicles. We are going to continue to invest. We are preparing to install bulk tank coolers which means large milk trailer trucks will soon travel our road. We are and will be hauling heavy loads of lime, fertilizer, cattle and regular supplies. We need service on our equipment. We need a road that can take all that. This past season has proven we don't have such a road. There are some six or seven intersecting roads in our area, all deserving of consideration.

Untenanted lands are future farm sites. County and state lands could and should be made available, rented or sold, to worthy young aspirants. This has been done in many states, and in Central America, where the writer's brother was recently re-elected Commissioner of Highways in the state where he resides, this same stimulant has been successfully used to develope "off the beaten path" lands that new roads have uncovered.

A majority of our neighbors are paying a steadily increasing share of Property and Improvement taxes, Federal and State gas taxes and would far prefer to continue to pay the same as all other citizens, no discounts, no extra farm bookkeeping, but see those collected funds used where they will aid the farmer most, specificially for road improvement.

We want to be proud of our property, encouraged to display it to friends, neighbors and relatives. We need aid in improving on a cost share basis our incoming personal roads to house or barn, with equipment we can't afford to own, making the service available during slack seasons on the state's roads. Are we asking too much?

Your consideration on these suggestions in principle would be appreciated.

Yours respectfully,
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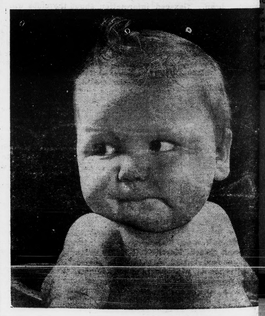

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wall, Feb. 27.- "Lift up your
nto the hills from whence
our help." from above.
community was so saddened
nday morning by the death
beloved neighbor, Mr. John
ys extend deepest sympa-
his wife and daughter and
other loved ones. He will
by his many frinds.

o hear that Mrs. Lyle
g a patient at the Vir-
Baptist Hospital. Hope for
speedy recovery.

s. Hilton Lee and her moth-
Walsh Whitaker celebrated
days together last Sun-
the Lee home, with Mr. and
Wallace Bondurant and chil-
and Mrs. Tom Davidson
h, and Mr. and Mrs. Wash
and Miss Lula Wheeler.
also Mr. Lee and Wayne
and Winnie Lee to help
he good dinner together. We
those many more happy
of the day.

and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and
d Mrs. Charlie Lewis visit-
Newport News last week.
spent the week-end with
d Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

and Mrs. R. L. Chick had
guests over the week-end
s. Wilton Routon and
, Betty and Kitty; Mrs.
Beard and son, Lawrence,
ville Rock, wife and three
and Mr. and Mrs. I. B.

Mrs. Clayton Drinkard,
Clayton Jr., and Mrs. H. A.
d, of Lynchburg visited in
home last Wednesday.
ee attended the funeral of
an Burnett at Hebron that

W. M. U. of Hebron Church
the home of Mrs. O. R.
on last Thursday night, with
endance. After the meet-
group was served delicious
reams by Mr. and Mrs.
Everyone enjoyed the even-
and.

nt to extend deepest sym-
to Mr. Street Thornhill in
of his brother, Mr. J. T.
of Lynchburg. Also his
and nephews from here. They
here to attend the funeral in
day.

and Mrs. Joe Burnett and
, of Lynchburg spent Sun-
his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Burnett.

J. C. Beard and Mrs. Vin-
perry and two children, of
and visited Mrs. J. H. Beard
the week-end.

G BITES BOY, 2

Hollywood, Calif.- While
out clothes in her backyard
Doreen Pollock heard screams
the frontyard, she found
-year-old son, Nicky, bleed-
two dogs were being chas-
a woman. It took near-
tches to colse the gashes
d's head. The dogs were
and held in quarantine.

Clover Hill

Clover Hill, Feb. 28.- Mr. and Leo Hemmer have purchased the home formerly owned by Mrs. Ruby Paulette and it is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. David Garrette. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Garrette to our community, and hope that the Hemmers, too, may some day make their home here.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock and two sons, Frankie and Steve, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Torrence and son, Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence and three sons, Wayne, Larry and Mike; Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornhill, Mrs. J. A. Conner and Buddy and Bobby Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Quinn, Jr., and son, Pat spent Sunday with relatives at Gladstone.

Mr. Ira Torrence, of Lynchburg visited his brother, D. E. Torrence Sunday.

Visiting Mrs. T. H. Trent during the week-end wtre Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Childers, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Trent and family and Mrs. Neva Hamilton, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wallace, of Amherst; Joel Trent, of Norfolk; Mrs. Wade Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ferguson, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Garrett and daughter, Chris.

Miss Lucy O'Brien, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and son, Rudy, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. T. R. Richardson.

Lt. and Mrs. W. N. Smith, of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson.

Vera

Vera, Feb. 27.- February is certainly giving us a plenty of rain. The farmers have done right much plowing and have burned plant bed.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mazie were in Lynchburg on Wednesday.

Major Morris, who has been doing right much trapping, has had good luck trapping foxes, skunks, and a few nights ago he trapped a big wildcat near Vera.

Miss Mazie Harvey spent Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Don Moses.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watson on Saturday night.

Mr. Reuben Bryant continues on the sick list. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Mazie and Harriette visited in the home of Mrs. Don Moses on Sunday.

The P.-T. A. meeting was held at Vera school on Thursday night, with a very small attendance.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Mazie and Harriette vitied in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moses on Sunday.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 28.- The B. T. U. was invited to Providence Church Sunday night to put on a program. Quite a number attended.

Mrs. Mabel W. Baker, of Miami, Florida, and Mrs. Sam Anderson were dinner guests Thursday with Mrs. W. B. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young are visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harrup, at Jarrett, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam White and family, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples Sunday.

Miss Bernice Thomas is recovering from a fall she had recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Latene Jenkins and daughters spent the week-end with her father, Mr. R. F. Harvey. Also Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey, of Richmond.

Mrs. Eula Fleshman is on the sick list this week.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Donald and son, of Lynchburg were the dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrss. Z. V. Harvey and daughter, Phyllis.

Mrs. Evie Anderson and Mrs. Mabel W. Baker were over-the-night guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baker Thursday.

Mr. T. T. Evans has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. E. W. Farrar and Patsy Williams and Mrs. Ella Jennings and Mrs. C. J. Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter, Barbara Kay were dinner guests on Wednesday in the home of Mrs. O. C. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Eva Snowden, at Port Royal, Va.

Mr. J. W. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jennings, of Cambria, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ella Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cralle, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. W. B. Thomas last week.

Richwood

Richwood, Feb. 28. - "Happiness is best attained by learning to live each day by itself. The worries are mostly about yesterday and tomorrow." —Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, of Lynchburg visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woolridge.

Sharp Moore spent Saturday morning with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were in Lynchburg on business Tuesday.

G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle, and A. B. Hunter, Jr. were in Lynchburg on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Garrett one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were the guests Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Marsh and Mr. Marsh, at Gladys.

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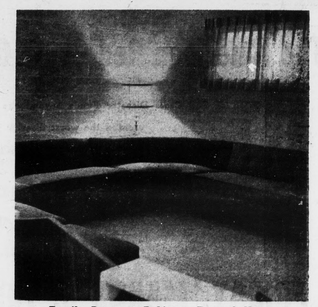

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